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NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA

2 College Street
Toronto, Canada
Nov. 21st, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer:-

It is the intention of the Navy League of Canada to publish a series of two-page Leaflets containing about 1,000 words each and dealing in a concise and interesting style with (1) the history, traditions, work and functions of the Royal Navy; (2) the work and responsibilities and duties of the Mercantile Marine; (3) the benefits derived by Canada and the Empire from the power and protection of the Navy and the world-wide operations of the Marine; (4) the nature and value of the work of both in connection with the World-War. A few definite subjects are suggested as follows:

What is the Royal Navy?
Our Empire and Its Navy: How they grew in Greatness.
Why Britannia Rules the Waves.
What Canada Owes to the Navy.
How the British Navy saved Europe from Napoleon.
What the Navy did in the World-War.
How the Navy is Governed.
The Navy as Guardian of the Freedom of the Seas.
The Navy as Protector of the World's Peace.

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The Mercantile Marine in Operation.

The Mercantile Marine as a War Factor.

Canadian Naval Interests.

Other subjects along these lines may be added and I am writing to you with the hope that you may be willing to prepare one of these Leaflets. It should be done within the near future and if you think it possible to help in the matter might I ask you, as time is important, to let me know the particular subject you would like to take.

We hope that these Leaflets will be authoritative as well as valuable and the intention, therefore, is to give the names of the writers - all of whom will be men known throughout Canada. The Leaflets will be printed in batches of 5,000 and circulated amongst our schools and at public meetings of all kinds - especially those held under the auspices of the League. I sincerely trust we shall have your co-operation.

Yours very truly,

J. Castell Hopkins

Chairman.

Sir R. A. Falconer, LL.D.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

November 25th, 1918

J. Castell Hopkins, Esq.,

Navy League of Canada,

2 College Street, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Castell Hopkins:

I shall be glad to write a short article to be printed as a leaflet as you suggest. I think I should prefer to take the last subject, namely, "The Mercantile Marine as a War Factor' I was very much impressed on my trip over during this last summer by the work that these men of the Mercantile Marine have done.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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2 College Street
Toronto, Canada
Jan. 23rd, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer:-

In connection with a special publication which I am preparing as a record of the work of Ontario and its Government during the War, I should like to include an adequate reference to the work of the University. Many of the facts I have in preceding volumes of The Canadian Annual Review but I would greatly appreciate your courtesy if you could send me data, up to the time of the Armistice, as to (1) total University enlistments, (2) Scientific work and efforts of the institution, (3) special War action along educational lines, (4) work of the University Hospital in the East and in France. A bare summary would be sufficient.

With apologies for trespassing upon your crowded time, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

J. Castell Hopkins

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

January 24th, 1919

J. Castell Hopkins, Esq.,
The Canadian Annual Review,
2 College Street, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Castell Hopkins:

I am sending you as you request simply a summary of the work of the University during the war. In addition to this large sums of money were raised by the staff and students for the Red Cross, the British Red Cross and Patriotic Funds. If you would like to have any further details I shall be glad to send them to you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

The University had in addition the following :

An Overseas Unit of the C.O.T.C.

67th Battery (University of Toronto).

No. 1 Company of the First Canadian Tank Battalion.

Casualty Clearing Station.

The University Staff undertook the work of instruction in the Provisional School of Infantry and the School of Musketry of M.D. #2.

The University Residences, Dining Hall, part of Convocation Hall and part of the Engineering were used by the Royal Air Force.

The staff of the University invited as their guests Professor Ledoux of the University of Brussels, who was wounded in the early battles of the war, and Madame Ledoux.

University Hospital Supply Association made surgical and other supplies for the University Hospital and the Red Cross.

Sphagnum Moss Dressings were also made for the Red Cross.

Contributions by staff and students to the various Patriotic and Red Cross campaigns.

(2) The Antitoxin Laboratories have supplied the Canadian troops with tetanus antitoxin , and diphtheria antitoxin has been supplied for use in Canada and on transports.

The Pathological Department with assistance of other members of the Medical staff stamped out an epidemic of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis at Exhibition Camp.

A testing of shells has been conducted in the Faculty of Applied Science laboratories for manufacturers who have taken munitions contracts from the War Office.

Valuable investigations were carried on by the late Professor Brodie on the physiological effects of wounds on the respiratory processes.

Professor J. Watson Bain acted as Chemical Adviser to the Canadian War Mission at Washington.

Important work was done for the Admiralty by Professor J.C. McLennan and members of the Department of Physics in connection with non-inflammable gases and mines.

(3) Special war work upon educational lines.

The University Extension Department undertook to have a series of lectures delivered setting forth various phases of the war, and also a large amount of the work of the Speakers' Patriotic League, which was intended to stimulate recruiting and to increase contributions to the Patriotic Fund.

Classes were conducted by members of the Modern Languages staff for giving instruction in French to members of the C.E.F.

Functional re-education work for returned soldiers by Dr. Bott of the Department of Psychology.

Classes in connection with the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment by members of the Faculty of Applied Science.

Lectures in Anatomy by Professor J. P. McMurrich in the School of Massage and for returned soldiers who were qualifying to take charge of Orthopaedic work

Lecture demonstrations in Electricity and Magnetism to classes in Electro-therapy.

Miss V. Ryley, Superintendent of the University Dining Hall, has had charge of the dietetic work in the Hospitals throughout the Dominion under the Invalided Soldiers' Commission, and at their request went to Washington to explain the nature of the work in Canada to the authorities in charge of American Hospitals.

(4) No. 4 Canadian General Hospital.

In May 1915 No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto) sailed for England and was equipped for 1040 beds. In November 1915 undertook service in Salonica, returned to England in September 1917 and has been stationed under the command of Lt.-Colonel W. B. Hendry, D.S.O., at Basingstoke in Hampshire.

February 24th, 1919

J. Castell Hopkins, Esq.,
2 College Street,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Castell Hopkins:

Many thanks for the copies of the leaflets which I have just glanced at since my arrival from New York this morning. It was quite legitimate for you to do as you did with my article, and I have no doubt that it has been improved by the addition you made.

With regard to the quotation from "The Telegram" of Feb. 8th 1918, I should say that the figures will now be quite out of date. I drew these up after receiving pretty carefully prepared statistics from the Universities of the Dominion. What I meant was that in the pre-war period there were about 14,000 students in any one year, of whom 10,000 were men. The graduates and undergraduates who took service during the war instead of the 12,000 as there were in August 1917 there must be 17,000 or 18,000, and as for the number of fallen I cannot say, but in the University of Toronto we have had 560, so that I should think you ought to put it at 1200 at the very least, but I have no late figures.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 17th, 1919

J. Castell Hopkins, Esq.,
The Navy League of Canada,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

I am sending you a letter which you will be able to answer, as I have none of the leaflets which he asks for.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.